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ENTRY OF UNRESERVED PASSENGERS IN RESERVED COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the express trains, passengers on the enroute stations entered into the reserved sleeper and AC coaches even to the protest of reserved passengers;

(b) if so, whether the TTEs and other security -personnel behave as mute spectators to such unlawful acts and never discharged their duties in their respective coaches;

(c) if so, the number of cases of unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches reported during the last one year, till date and the amount recovered as penalty therefrom;

(d) the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken against the Railway staff for such inactions on duty;

(e) whether the Railways have drawn any specific mechanism to prevent such unlawful sneaking of passengers into reserved coaches causing inconvenience and apprehensions of theft etc. to the passengers travelling in reserved coaches; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Passengers found travelling unauthorisedly in reserved coaches are apprehended. All out efforts are made by the ticket checking and other staff to curb entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches. However, sometimes it becomes difficult to handle situations arising out of adverse law and order conditions.

(c) & (d): No separate statistics regarding number of cases of unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches is maintained. However during January to December 2005 (latest available), 50.43 lakh cases of ticketless/irregular travel including the cases of unauthorised travelling in reserved coaches had been detected and Rs.184.99 crore realized as railway dues. Railway Staff, if found responsible in such cases are suitably taken up under Discipline & Appeals Rules.

(e)&(f): The penalty for irregular travel has been increased from Rs.50/- to Rs.250/-. Besides, regular/surprise checks are conducted in association with police to prevent unauthorized entry of passengers in reserved coaches.